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Don Valley East

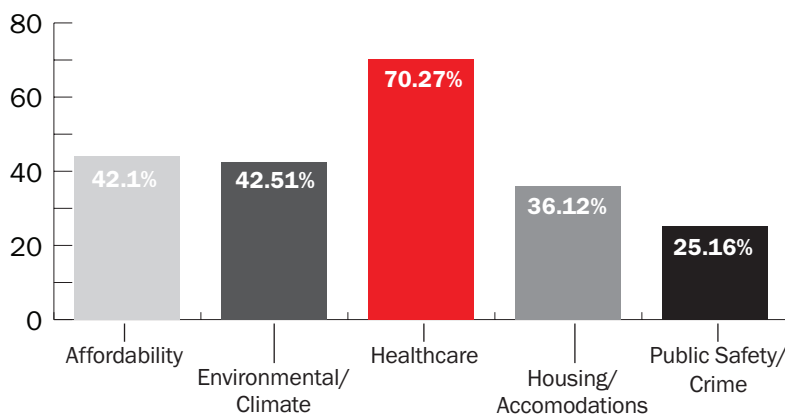


WINTER 2022

Our Don Valley East Community Survey Results

A few months ago, our office mailed out a survey to each home in our riding. We asked several questions, in order to better understand the issues that are important to our residents of Don Valley East.

Top 5 Issues From Community Survey



About 1,900 people participated in the survey and sent back their responses. I would like to personally thank each and every one of our residents who took the time to participate in this process. The results we received will help guide our office on future decisions and the work we do in Ottawa.

Healthcare was identified as the number one, most important issue for our residents. As most of you are already aware, healthcare is a joint federal and provincial responsibility as outlined in the *Canada Health Act*.

The second most identified federal issue was **Affordability**. There is no question that the issue of the rising cost of living is impacting Canadians right across the country. Our office will continue to look for ways to work with our Government, individuals and organizations to help reduce the negative impact of inflation.

Climate Change was also among the top 3 issues. There is no doubt that our environment is changing significantly, and that is why our Government's plan includes net-zero emissions by 2050, carbon pollution pricing, and an investment in clean technology and jobs.

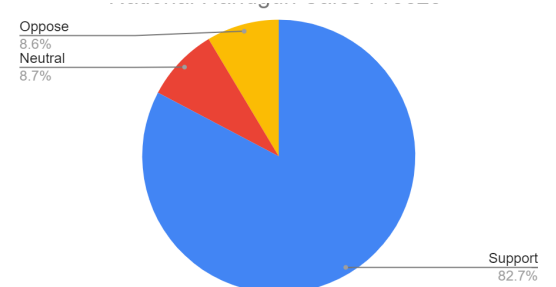
One of the questions we asked our residents was around the recent Government's **handgun ban**. 83% of our respondents agreed that banning handguns was a good decision. *Bill C-21*, that came into effect on October 21, 2022, stops people from buying, selling or transferring handguns within Canada.

We also asked constituents if they felt safe in our community, and 79% responded yes. This means we have some work to do, since 1 in 5 residents currently do not feel safe.

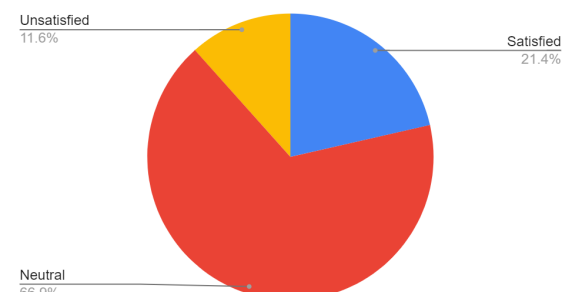
Finally, we asked how people felt about the **service our office provides** to the community, and 88.5% responded that they were satisfied or neutral. Our office will continue to work hard to bring this number closer to 100%.

Thank you again to everyone who participated.

National Handgun Sales Freeze



Constituency Office Satisfaction



YOU ARE INVITED

Michael Coteau MP & Dr. Adil Shamji MPP
invite you to celebrate the New Year!

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S LEVEE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 | 12-2PM

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
1377 Lawrence Avenue East

PLEASE RSVP BEFORE JANUARY 8: CALL 416-443-0343 or EMAIL: MICHAEL.COTEAU@PARL.GC.CA

Protecting Your Privacy At Home

In March 2022, I launched a process to raise awareness of invasive monitoring practices because there have been rising concerns of employers remotely monitoring their employees working from home. The primary goal of this process was to develop a national discussion on how to protect workers, their privacy and set the rules/regulations for employers.

Throughout the public consultation to address the issues of employers' digital surveillance of remote employees, I met with privacy experts, representatives from industry, labour, government, and non-governmental sectors.

A key recommendation emerging from this public consultation process was for the Government of Canada and federal organizations to fulfill leadership roles as employers and regulators to clearly establish the rights of individuals to privacy in their home. In conclusion, employees should have a participatory role in developing the surveillance policies of their workplace, because when monitoring takes place at their homes, employees' privacy rights are central to the issue.



Supporting Autistic Individuals and Their Families

On Thursday, October 13, I visited the SAAC Centre, to announce funding for a community-based project to help support Autistic individuals, their families and caregivers.

Autism Ontario received funding to create resource kits that will be distributed across the country to help Autistic individuals and their families. These kits will provide opportunities for individuals, their families and caregivers to access knowledge, resources and skills that are needed to help maintain optimal health and wellness.

Our Government is committed to helping autistic individuals avoid any barriers when it comes to their health and wellbeing. Finding the right resources is key to getting the right support, and this is why Autism Ontario's resources will make a real difference in the lives of those who need them.

Prime Minister Trudeau Visits Flemingdon Park

On Friday, November 4, I welcomed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Chrystia Freeland to our riding of Don Valley East. Together, we spoke about the rising costs of living for not only our constituents but all Canadians.

It is our pleasure to formally announce the doubling of the GST tax credit for six months which will reach 11 million households. This measure will grant an extra \$467 for families of four and an extra \$225 for seniors which will provide relief for Canadians who are struggling to afford rent, buy groceries and other requisite needs.

I want to thank Dennis R. Timbrell Resource Centre who let us use their facility to make such an important announcement.



Don Valley East Youth Council



Are you a student interested in politics and interested in learning about policies which can help improve Don Valley East?

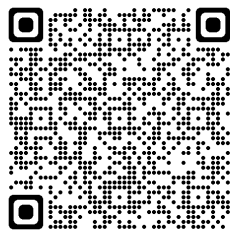
Applications are now open for the 2023 Don Valley East Constituency Youth Council. During each meeting, there will be guiding questions based on the specific meeting theme, which will range from

education to climate change. Members of this youth council will be tasked with creating their own policies, debating the merits of the policy and concluding with a youth council vote, in an effort to simulate parliamentary procedure.

I look forward to meeting everyone in-person at our inaugural 2023 Don Valley East Constituency Youth Council.

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Scan the QR Code to apply!



Local Teacher Receives Teaching Excellence Award

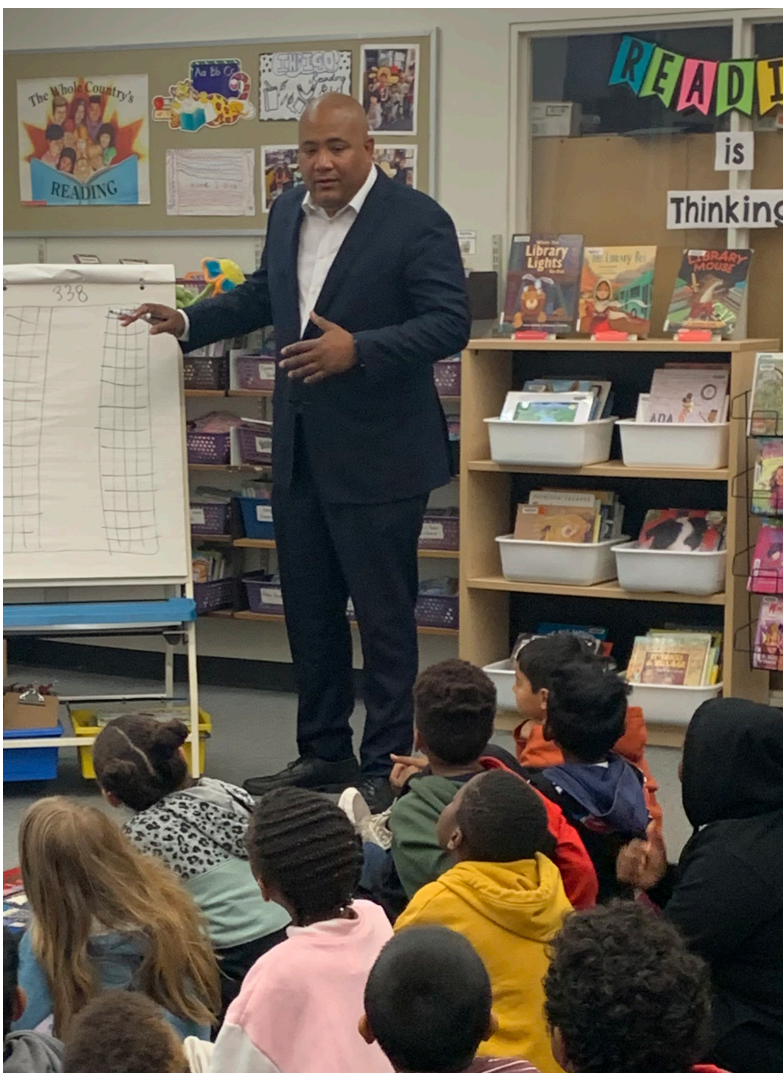
Sarah Torrie is an innovative and dedicated science educator at Victoria Park C.I., one of our local high schools in Don Valley East. She is the recipient of this year's 2022 Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence in STEM, for her uniquely creative approach to science education, and for her innovative strategies to help students develop their skills and interest in science.

Throughout her 20 year career at Victoria Park CI, Sarah has used effective and engaging lessons, provided students with real-life experiment opportunities and has organized STEM events and field trips.

On behalf of the residents of Don Valley East, I want to congratulate Sarah for her dedication and ability to not only teach content to her students through a wide variety of teaching techniques, but also to her commitment to ensuring that her lessons and methods used are fun and relatable, and that her classroom is always a welcoming space for all students.

School Visits in Don Valley East

Every school year, I look forward to attending schools across our riding, visiting civics classes that focus on various levels of government. We talk about the parliamentary process and how laws impact our lives. My main message during my visit is that it is important to recognize that politicians make decisions on their behalf and that they have a right to be heard and part of that process. We explore various ways that they can be involved in local decision making as young people and in the future as young adults.

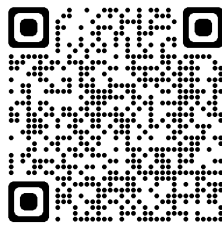


CBC Radio “The House” Episode

Earlier this summer, I was featured in an episode of CBC Radio’s “The House”. During the interview, I reflect on my new role as federal Member of Parliament for Don Valley East.

You can hear the full episode here at the 32:50 minute mark: *CBC Radio’s The House: Does Canada need more private health care?*

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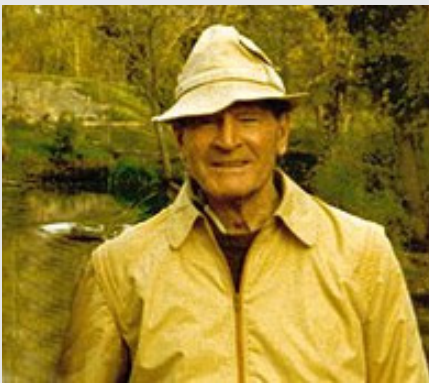
We Are Here To Help

As your Member of Parliament, I represent Don Valley East residents at the **federal level**. The services that we offer in our Community Office are directly related to the responsibilities of representatives at the federal level.

At our Community Office, we can supply information and assistance concerning the following issues:

- Canada Child Support
- Canada Pension Plan
- Canada Revenue Agency
- Employment Insurance Benefits
- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (*Please note that as an MP office, we do not have the ability to expedite applications*)
- Information on federal legislation
- Old Age Security and Guaranteed Income Supplement
- Passport Canada
- Veterans

Don Valley East History Section: Charles Sauriol



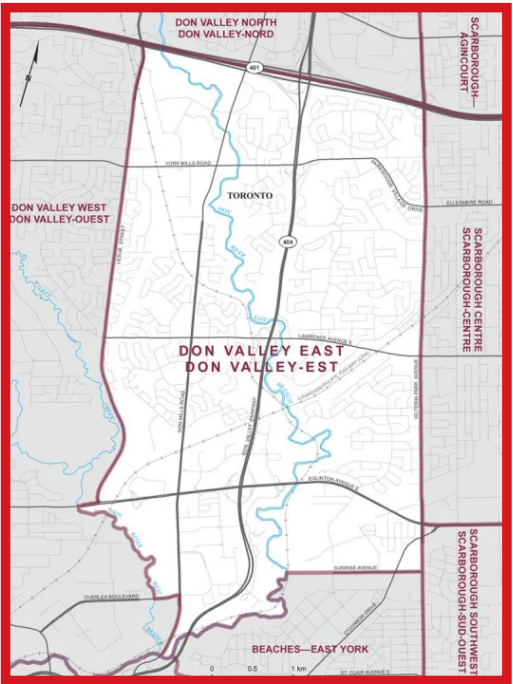
Anyone who enjoys everything the Don River and its surroundings provides can thank Charles Sauriol (1904-1995). He was a conservationist who worked hard to preserve the natural state of the Don River, and co-founded the Don River Conservation Association in 1949. The mission of the Don River Conservation Association was to preserve the Don Valley as a natural forest.

Throughout his career, he raised over 200 million dollars dedicated to the preservation of green spaces across the Don River and the rest of Canada.

On September 6, 1989, Charles’ lifelong dream of the East Valley of the Don becoming a publicly owned, protected conservation reserve became a reality.



Riding of Don Valley East
Population: 94,575



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